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SUBJECT: DEATH OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN: JAMES GORDON HAGEN JR.

TO: MRS. J.G. HAGEN
116 LEE STREET
ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA 29620

1. IT IS WITH PROFOUND REGRET THAT I MUST INFORM YOU OF THE DEATH OF JAMES GORDON HAGEN, JR. THE PARK HOTEL INFORMED THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AT PORT-AU-PRINCE ON APRIL 20 OF HIS DEATH OF UNKNOWN CAUSES ON APRIL 20 IN PORT-AU-PRINCE. THE BODY WILL BE AUTOPSIED AND YOU WILL BE GIVEN FURTHER INFORMATION AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.
2. YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS WERE CONTAINED IN MR. HAGEN'S AMERICAN PASSPORT. AS YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE DECEASED IS UNKNOWN, WE WOULD APPRECIATE CLARIFICATION.
3. WE HAVE TAKEN CHARGE OF HIS PERSONAL EFFECTS, AND WILL WRITE TO YOU CONCERNING THEIR DISPOSITION.
4. REGRETFULLY, WE MUST DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO THE NEED TO MAKE URGENT ARRANGEMENTS. LOCAL LAW REQUIRES LOCAL BURIAL, OR THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE FOR SHIPMENT WITHIN A SHORT TIME, DEPENDING

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UPON WHETHER LOCAL BURIAL OR SHIPMENT OF THE REMAINS TO THE UNITED STATES IS DESIRED. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER OR NOT YOU WISH TO HAVE MR. HAGEN'S REMAINS RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES. IF SO, PREPARATION AN

AIR SHIPMENT OF REMAINS TO THE EASTERN UNITED

STATES WOULD COST \$1,800. CREMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE IN HAITI. IF LOCAL BURIAL IS DESIRED, THE COST WOULD VARY FROM \$200 TO \$2,000, DEPENDING UPON THE CLASS OF SERVICE. ALL OF THESE COSTS ARE APPROXIMATE.

5. AFTER YOU HAVE MADE YOUR DECISION, PLEASE TAKE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

A) TELEGRAPH INSTRUCTIONS PROMPTLY AND DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI AND INCLUDE THE NAME OF THE DECEASED IN YOUR MESSAGE. STATE WHETHER REQUIRED FUNDS ARE BEING TELEGRAPHED AND BY WHAT MEANS. INCLUDE NAME AND ADDRESS OF U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT IF SHIPMENT DESIRED.

B) TELEGRAPH REQUIRED FUNDS SEPARATELY AND PROMPTLY THROUGH THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BOSTON AT PORT-AU-PRINCE, PAYABLE TO AMERICAN EMBASSY, PORT-AU-PRINCE.

C) IF YOU ARE HAVING THE REMAINS SHIPPED TO THE UNITED STATES, YOU MAY WISH TO HAVE THE U.S. FUNERAL HOME YOU SELECT MAKE THESE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU.

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6. UPON RECEIPT OF THE REQUIRED FUNDS YOUR INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CARRIED OUT AS PROMPTLY AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. WE ESTIMATE APPROXIMATELY THREE DAYS WILL BE REQUIRED FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF FUNDS TO CARRY OUT YOUR INSTRUCTIONS IF REMAINS ARE TO BE SHIPPED. UPON COMPLETION OF ALL FORMALITIES, A FOREIGN SERVICE REPORT OF DEATH LZPL BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

7. LOCAL AUTHORITIES REQUIRE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF DEATH CERTIFICATE: NAMES OF PARENTS (INCLUDING MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME) AND NAMES AND RELATIONSHIPS OF ANY OTHER IMMEDIATE SURVIVORS.

8. IF NECESSARY, YOU MAY CONTACT THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THE EMXGSSY BY PHONING 2-1770 OR 2-1799 IN PORT-AU-PRINCE.

9. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

AMERICAN CONSUL
PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

JONES

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